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Hearing: Reducing Nuclear and Biological Threats at the Source

WHO: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack
Chairman John Linder (R-GA)

WHEN: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2006

WHERE: TBD

WITNESSES

PANEL I

Mr. Jerry Paul
Principal Deputy Administrator
National Nuclear Security Administration
Department of Energy

Mr. Frank Record
Acting Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation
Department of Defense

Mr. Jack David
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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PANEL II

Dr. Igor Khripunov
Associate Director
Center for International Trade and Security
University of Georgia

Dr. David Franz
Vice President and Chief Biological Scientist
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BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack will hold a hearing to examine U.S. efforts to eliminate nuclear and biological threats at the source. When Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) programs are ended, often times materials and workers familiar with WMD technologies are left behind. This neglected material and personnel could be valuable to terrorists – giving them the resources necessary to develop their own WMD program or accelerate an existing agenda. Multi-lateral efforts to secure nuclear material, redirect weapon scientists and prevent biological weapon proliferation will be reviewed and directions for future work will be discussed.

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